**Artifacts:**

1. **State Series Quarters Collector Map**

This is a tangible color-coded map of the United States, and its state quarters. The map is separated by the year in which the state quarter was released. In addition to the 50 states, there are also quarters collected from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia. Also, there are fun facts for each state; these facts include the date of statehood, capital, nicknames, motto, state flower, and state bird.

Second graders acquire information about the United States and its map. This artifact would be perfect for them to learn not only the names and locations of the states, but a lot of other interesting and important miscellaneous information.

1. **Lewis and Clark Expedition Map**

This is an intangible, but detailed map illustrating Lewis and Clark’s journey. Second graders learn about Lewis and Clark. The map is a great visual aid of the route these two men took as they explored and mapped Western America.

The children can even use the map to role-play and go on the expedition that Lewis and Clark did.

1. **Florida Map**

This is an eatable tangible map of Florida made out of Pillsbury sugar cookie dough. It includes Reese’s Pieces, which indicate the locations of important cities and the capital. The orange pieces show a few select cities (Miami, Tampa, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, and Pensacola) and the brown piece represents the capital, Tallahassee.

Children can create their own cookie dough map of Florida—they can pinpoint cities that are important to them (such as those in which their families and friends live in), label Tallahassee, bake their maps, and then eat their masterpieces. They will learn a lot through this hands-on activity and will have fun doing so.